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IN RE APPLICATION OF: CHUNG-PENG HAO ET AL

SERIAL NO.: 10/728,983

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EXAMINER: D. Zarneke

FOR: STI FORMING METHOD FOR IMPROVING STI
STEP UNIFORMITY

ATTY. REFERENCE: HAOC3001/BEU

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated May 25, 2005.

An ELECTION OF SPECIES is set forth on page 2.

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ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Applicant elects **Species II**, in which the planarizing material layer comprises “anti-reflective material.”

IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 3-6 read on the elected species. Of these, **claims 1, 3, 5, and 6** are generic.